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### **SUMMARY FOR 10-6-14 THROUGH 11-30-14**

This report takes us through week 48 of the year. We have seen an increase of 20 arrests over this time last year. We have also increased our high visibility foot, bike and T-3 patrols by an additional 956 hours for a total of 2871 hours for the year to date. Citizen contacts are up by 1513 and business contacts are up by 18,966,. That makes a total of 30,217 business contacts for the year. These increased numbers are a direct result of our commitment to providing more high visibility patrols.

We have seen a decrease of 212 calls for service for a total of 4405 for the year. This is significant as we have seen the total climb each year. In 2007, we responded to 1572 calls for service. In 2013 the total had climbed to 5006. We are hopeful that this slight decrease is the start of a trend. Any lessening of calls allows for more proactive patrol time.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 10-7-14, I attended a security training meeting at the Salvation Army Senior Citizen Apartments located at 5940 Carlos. Two of our Bike Officers also attended as they are very familiar with the location having provided many extra patrols there. They have formed personal relationships with Managers Rita and Betty and with many residents.

The meeting was called to address security concerns after a resident named John was robbed and badly beaten. It was standing room only and appeared that most of the residents were in attendance. There were well over 130 people there. LAPD SLO Armen Sevdalian spoke first. Many in the audience were of Russian and Armenian descent. Armen would speak in Armenian and a man in the audience would translate into Russian.

I spoke briefly about basic security and explained our operation and how we could be of service to them. The crowd was very engaged and there were numerous questions. It was a very positive event and many in attendance stopped by to thank us when it was over.

On 10-8-14, I attended the LAPD PAL Awards Fund Raiser. Randy Andrews, VP Bill Farrar, Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar and other Andrews Directors also attended. Andrews International was one of the sponsors for the event.

On 10-12-14, our Officers saw a suspicious van stopped in the number 1 lane of Vine and Yucca. There was no one in the vehicle. We called the LAPD who advised that the van had been reported as stolen. Our Officers stood by until the LAPD responded and recovered the van.

On 10-27-14, I attended the Chamber of Commerce All Hallows Eve Fund Raiser which



is held at the Forever Yours Cemetery. CEO Richard Wyckoff, Randy Andrews, Bill Farrar, John Adams, Joe Salazar and numerous other Security Directors were also there representing Andrews International.

On 11-15-14, Hollywood FWRD participated in the United Way 2014 Home Walk. It is an annual fundraiser with the goal of ending homelessness in Los Angeles. I walked with my family and fellow members Kerry Morrison, Bill Farrar, Brian Folb, Yolanda Brown and Nathan French from the Center at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Dirk Degraeve and others. We raised about \$5,000.00 for the cause.

#### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 10-7-14 Social Security Meeting
- 2) 10-7-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 3) 10-7-14 Salvation Army Apartments Security Meeting
- 4) 10-8-14 PAL Awards Fund Raiser
- 5) 10-9-14 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 6) 10-14-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 10-21-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 10-22-14 1600 Vine Security Issues Meeting
- 9) 10-27-14 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Meeting
- 10) 10-27-14 All Hallows Eve Chamber of Commerce Fund Raiser
- 11) 11-4-14 World of Wonder Security Meeting
- 12) 11-4-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 13) 11-11-14 HHOT Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 14) 11-11-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 15) 11-12-14 Community Impact Meeting
- 16) 11-13-14 Andrews Use of Force Guidelines Meeting
- 17) 11-15-14 Home Walk Fundraiser
- 18) 11-18-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 19) 11-20-14 HBID Board Meeting
- 20) 11-21-14 Kress Security Meeting
- 21) 11-25-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

#### **OUTREACH:**

On 10-06-14, our Officers spoke to Henry and Jason who have been living on the street. They said that they had a relative that was going to allow them to stay at his house, but they needed a ride to Western and 80<sup>th</sup> street. Officer Ayala called Reggie from PATH who arranged for the transportation.

On 10-7-14, our Officers woke six people that were sleeping at 6300 Homewood. Two had been approved to move into an apartment. Our Officers called PATH and were able to arrange transportation for them.

On 10-8-14, a tourist from Liverpool UK got a flat tire right outside our office and did



not know how to change it. Our Officers rushed to the rescue and changed the tire for the grateful visitor.

On 10-10-14, our Bike Officers responded to a call of a man down at Hollywood Liquor. The man had a medical condition and Paramedics were called. They responded and took him to the hospital.

On 11-10-14, our Officers found a woman named Lynn down on the sidewalk. They spoke to her and she appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. She could not get up. The officers called Paramedics who responded and took her to the hospital.

On 11-15-14, our Officers responded to a call of a man refusing to leave the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to the man who had some minor injuries. He said that he had been beaten earlier in the day. The LAPD and Paramedics were called. The man was treated at the scene.

Later that day, our PSO's came across a grandmother and her five year old grandchild. She had tripped on the sidewalk and had a small cut to her forehead. The child also had a small cut. Our Officers called Paramedics who responded and treated both.

On 11-16-14, our Officers spoke to a homeless man named Mike. He was hungry so they gave him a ticket for a meal at the Gay and Lesbian Center's Food Line. They also gave him information about PATH and other services.

They then spoke to another homeless man named Jerry at 6840 Hollywood Blvd. They also gave him a ticket for the food line as well as outreach information.

A short time later they spoke to the homeless Hassan at 6300 Hollywood Blvd. He had an open container of Steel Reserve 211. He was warned of the violation and elected to pour it out. He and the two people with him were also given tickets to the food line as well as outreach information.

The Officers contacted another homeless man named Casey at 6536 Hollywood Blvd. Casey generates numerous calls for service as he often screams at people and scares them. He also blocks the sidewalks and refuses to leave various businesses. They gave him a meal ticket in our ongoing effort to build a positive rapport with him.

On 11-16-14, our Officers responded to a radio call of a man lying on the ground at 1642 Cahuenga. It appeared that the man had fallen and struck his head. The officers were unable to rouse him and they called Paramedics. A passer-by said the man's name was "PJ". Unit 827 arrived and they transported PJ to the hospital.

On 11-19-14, our Officers found a woman down on the sidewalk crying at 6435 Yucca. She said that she could not walk and said she needed an ambulance. The Officers called and Paramedics RA 27 responded. They treated her at the scene.



On 11-19-14, our PSO's spoke to a homeless female who declined to give her name. She said she came here from Florida. She has a shaved head and does not wear shoes. They have been reaching out to her for several months and have found her to be very suspicious of anyone in uniform. Little by little she has started to open up. She told the Officers that her child had recently been taken from her by the authorities. The PSO's have given her outreach information, but she has refused help thus far.

The next day they had a breakthrough of sorts with the woman. She confided that her name is Jackie. She said that she had been living in Washington State in a shelter which closed. The shelter staff gave her a bus ticket to Hollywood without any referrals. It appears that she was simply "dumped" here. She is very spiritual and spends a lot of time meditating and chanting. She does not wear shoes as she wants to be closer to mother earth.

One Officer gave Jackie a book on topics that she thought would be of interest to her. Jackie was pleased and said she looked forward to reading it and discussing it with the Officers. The goal is to build this rapport to the point where we can try to guide Jackie into permanent supportive housing.

The PSO's then went to the McDonalds to drop off some paperwork for the manager. Six young homeless people approached and wanted to talk to them. They knew some (Danny, Skooby, Anna) by name. Our Officers discussed outreach services and the group talked about life on the streets. Our Officers also spoke about the role of BID Security and the LAPD. It was a casual dialogue with much laughter. These contacts are particularly valuable as the homeless youth as a group are often highly suspicious of authority figures.

This type of rapport building goes on every day and it is impossible to document the vast volume of positive contacts that our Officers have with those in the homeless community.

On 11-20-14, our Bike Officers contacted a young homeless man named Jessie at the corner of Hollywood and Vine. He was cold and shivering. The Officers rode over to the Supply Sgt. and bought a jacket for him. I have asked our Officers many times to call me in these situations so that I can try to find resources from the Homeless Outreach Community, but they continue to defy me on this issue.

These Officers are hardly the exception as many Officers including our unarmed teams have done the same many times. I commend these Officers for their true goodwill and compassion.

On 11-22-14, the PSO's spoke to homeless couple Shadow and Samantha. They have generated calls for service in the past and we have spent considerable time trying to get them to accept shelter and outreach services. Samantha recently had a baby which was taken from her by authorities. Shadow has been very hostile and violent at times.



Our relationship has recently improved with Shadow and he said that he was saving up to buy a bike. One of the officers had an extra bike at home and he brought it in and gave it to him. Shadow was very excited to get the bike which was in need of a little TLC. Our Officer offered to help with parts and repairs. We hope this will allow us to continue to make progress with this young man.

On 11-24-14, our Officers found a man down on the sidewalk in front of K+L Wines located at 1400 Vine Street. He had a medical band indicating that his name was Arthur. He said he was diabetic and in need of medical attention. Our Officers called Paramedics and Engine 27 and RA 82 responded. We then learned that the Paramedics had taken Arthur to the hospital the previous day. He had been released and apparently wandered into our area. The Paramedics took him back to the hospital.

On 11-25-14, our Officers responded to a call of a man causing a disturbance at the McDonalds located at 1413 Vine. The Officers spoke to the man named Rosario and he agreed to leave. They saw that he was having trouble walking and he was in obvious pain. They called Paramedics who responded and took him to the hospital.

On 11-26-14, our Officers responded to a call of a man refusing to leave the restroom at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. They contacted the man and he told them that he had been raped. Our Officers called Paramedics and RA 27 responded and took the man to the hospital. The LAPD was also called and they responded and conducted their investigation.

On 11-26-14, our Officers found a man down on the sidewalk at 1600 Wilcox. They were unable to rouse him. They called Paramedics and RA 27 responded and took the man to the hospital.

On 11-26-14, our Bike Officers found a man down on the sidewalk on Cahuenga just south of Hollywood Blvd. The Officers called Paramedics and LAFD Captain Kokinski and Paramedic Gonzalez responded. They took the unconscious man to the hospital.

On Thanksgiving, our Bike Officers went to McDonalds and bought a bunch of meals. They met with a homeless man at 1413 Vine and gave him a meal, outreach information and words of encouragement. They then pedaled over to 1500 Vine where they did the same for a homeless mother and her son, four homeless men and a homeless woman.

The team headed north to the 1600 block of Vine Street where they gave a meal to a homeless man and his daughter. They also gave meals to two homeless men at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. and to another homeless man at 6365 Hollywood Blvd. and one more at 6240 Hollywood Blvd.

Our other Officers distributed sandwiches, fruit and cookies that had been donated by a local 7-11 Store. The Officers also advised many people that the Salvation Army would be serving turkey dinners from 2:00 P.M until 6:00 P.M.



#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 723 arrests. Four hundred and forty four were for drinking in public, 39 for urinating in public, 58 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 24 for battery, 106 for blocking the sidewalk, 12 for theft, 7 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 32 for felonies. We also made 1061 homeless referrals, assisted 133 agencies, provided 1379 foot beat patrols for a total of 2222.5 hours, assisted 14427 citizens, handled 2789 radio calls for service and made 22753 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 304 arrests. Two hundred and nine were for drinking in public, 29 for urinating in public, 27 for trespass, 6 for battery, 14 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 11 for felonies. We also made 537 homeless referrals, assisted 92 agencies, provided 384 foot beat patrols for a total of 648.7 hours, assisted 6877 citizens, handled 1616 radio calls for service, and made 7464 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 1027 arrests. Six hundred and fifty three for drinking in public, 68 for urinating in public, 85 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 30 for battery, 120 for blocking the sidewalk, 16 for theft, 11 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 43 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 1598 homeless referrals, assisted 225 agencies, provided 1763 foot beat patrols for a total of 2871.2 hours, assisted 21304 citizens, handled 4405 radio calls for service, and made 30217 business contacts.

#### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 10-6-14, our Officers arrested Derek for drinking in public at Hollywood and Highland. After taking him to the LAPD Station, we learned that he was a wanted Parolee at Large.

On 11-13-14, our Officers responded to a call of a theft at the Goodwill store located at 1218 Vine. Manager Johnny said that Jordan entered the store with a screw driver in his hand. He took some clothing and shoes and left the store without paying. Johnny followed and told Jordan to return the stolen items. The suspect then pointed the screw driver toward the employee and said "You ain't gonna do shit". I'm going to keep coming back". The employee was in fear for his safety and he backed away from the suspect. The suspect fled the scene on a white bicycle.

The suspect was gone when our Officers arrived and they told the employee to call the LAPD. Sometime later the Officers received another call stating that Jordan had returned to the Good Will store. He took clothing and two pairs of shoes and left again without paying. Employee Ignacio tried to stop him and they had a tug of war over the shoes. Jordan said "You don't know what I'm willing to do for these clothes". He charged at Ignacio with the shoe raised over his head as if he was going to strike him.

In fear for his safety, Ignacio ran into the store. Jordan shouted obscenities at him while he slammed the shoe into the window. He then fled on the same white bicycle. Our



Officers arrived and placed him under arrest for robbery. He was then turned over to the LAPD.

On 11-20-14, our Bike Officers were eating lunch at the Feast Kitchen and Grill located at 6282 Hollywood Blvd. They saw Salvador slowly riding a bicycle eastbound in the 6200 block of Hollywood Blvd. He was drinking from a can of Steel Reserve beer.

Salvador then stopped and started removing the light and tool bag from Officer Rosales's bike. Although we issue bikes to our Officers, Rosales uses his personal bicycle on patrol. He had used a pair of handcuffs to secure the bike to some scaffolding in front of the location.

Our Officers ran out and ordered the suspect to stop. He then grabbed one of our bikes and tried to take it. He was foiled by the handcuffs and was placed under arrest for Attempted Grand Theft, a violation of section 487 PC. The bicycle has a value of \$1,270.00. The LAPD was called and took custody of the suspect.

On 11-27-14, our Officers responded to a call that a man had just stolen three Motorola radios and a radio charger from Beverly Hills Tours at 6720 Hollywood Blvd. Suspect Jerôme became angry due to the long wait to start his tour. He then took the radios from the Tour Booth and left the scene.

Our officers found Jerome in the 6600 block of Yucca. He had the stolen property in his hands. An employee from the Tour Company identified Jerome and signed a Private Person Arrest form. Our Officers took the suspect into custody without incident and turned him over to the LAPD. Jones was apologetic for his actions.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included Officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**